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St. Paul's Parish House Auditorium 2430 K Street N.W. 8 p.m.

Charles Puffenbarger
Washington Post

Former first lady Betty Ford cut the ribbon on Columbia Hospital's new wing. See story, page 6.



Spring Will Bring Young Investigators To Foggy Bottom

With snow on the ground, it's hard to think about spring, but it will be upon us before long.

And of the interesting signs of spring in Foggy Bottom in recent years has been a wave of student reporters fanning out from a select course at George Washington University to interview local residents.

The course is Journalism 138, Investigative Reporting, taught by Charles Puffenbarger. The results of the course are typified by a series of articles on "The University as Developer" which appeared last spring in the Saturday Real Estate Section of the Washington Post.

Puffenbarger is Assistant Financial Editor of the *Post*, and he is to be the speaker at the January 26 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, at 8:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of St. Paul's

Church House, 2430 K Street, N.W.

Because the carefully selected students in the class are limited to local topics, Foggy Bottom has usually been their major area of choice. Mr. Puffenbarger has sent them to the now-spreading West End development explosion and to Washington's unique experiment, the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. Last year the longcontinued confrontation between GWU's Master Plan and local residents or businesses was the topic, and one of great interest to FBA members who have long been been directly involved in the strategies and tactics of GWUdirected change in Foggy Bottom.

Mr. Puffenbarger, who lives in Friendship Heights is a native of Washington. He took his BS in journalism at the University of Maryland in College Park in 1951 and went directly into newspaper

work, including nine years with the Washington Star, during which time he completed an M.A. in History at GWU.

From 1965 to 1969 he moved into academic journalism, at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Then he came to the Post where he was soon invited by GWU's Journalism Department to take over Spring and Fall courses. His Spring course, limited to ten hand-picked undergraduates, is the source of the Post articles, whose teacher-editor says "are not out to get anybody." Those who have read them know they are packed with materials that do not in the least spare the University sponsor of the course.

With the start of the 1981 year, we hope to see lots of new (and old) faces at the Foggy Bottom Meeting. Let's all get out and support our association.

What You Missed Last Meeting

ANC President Jon Nowick graciously pinch hit for Leo Sullivan, Director of Public Relations for the Kennedy Center, and scheduled speaker for the November 24 FBA Meeting, who was in bed with the flu. Jon in his usual glib and entertaining style conversed with those present about the ANC, what it is and how it can be more effective.

Jon admitted that the ANC (short for Advisory Neighborhood Commission) is a rare bird, not in terms of numbers because D.C. has thirty-six, but to whom it belongs. In the phone book you will find ANC under D.C. government though it does not answer to the city hierarchy. Further, each commissioner (ours has seven) is elected by you and serves in a volunteer capacity.

Our ANC jurisdiction stretches from Rock Creek Park to the White House and from N street to the Mall. Approximately 15,000 people live in this area. You might ask what is the ANC's primary purpose. Mr. Nowick replied simply, "to act as a liason between the neighborhood and the D.C. government and to preserve the uniqueness of our neighborhood."

One of the ANC's biggest concerns and yours, too, is the replacement of our residential population with transients in hotels and dormitories. Other concerns are historic preservation, parking, eyesores and well, just about anything that affects Foggy Bottom and West End. Some of the ANC's current causes are development projects underway at Red Lion Row, Square 38 on Washington Circle, 925 25th Street and condominium conversions

Mr. Nowick explained that the ANC puts pressure on the District Council to pass laws which support the citizens' concerns. One success, he said, was the new law to restrict condo and hotel conversions. In a related incident, at 925 25th Street, N.W. the ANC has hired a lawyer to prevent the owner from setting up fifty-five units for transient use.

To whom does the ANC belong? It belongs to you. You elect the Commissioners. They are your representatives to City Council. With your support the ANC will achieve its purpose and our neighborhood will remain ours.

After Mr. Nowick's presentation, President Langdraf provided a brief update on local issues. He welcomed Elizabeth Ann Miller as advertising manager for the Foggy Bottom News, and announced that \$25 was donated to the Police Boys and Girls Glee Club to support its holiday functions.

Sherry Tower Decision!

The Board of Zoning Adjustment has voted to deny an application to turn the Sherry Tower Apartment Building at 2117 E Street into a hotel and to construct an access bridge between the Sherry and Michelle Towers.

The 5-0 decision was made on January 7 and a formal written decision will follow shortly. The BZA accepted all arguments presented by ANC Commissioner Steve Levy and the tenants' attorney in regard to this apartment building's illegal conversion to a hotel. The BZA did not speak to any points regarding the Michelle Towers.

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THE ANC FROM A to Z

Alley Closing in Square 75: The Commission considered an application by the George Washington University for an alley closing in Square 75, behind the National Academy of Sciences building. Ken Brooks of GWU said that the Academy wanted the closing of a stub of the alley to install some fuel tanks. The closing would have no adverse effect on alley traffic, he said. The ANC had previously informed some tenants groups on the Square of the proposed closing, but no opposition had been expressed. The Commission decided to take no position on the alley closing.

nnouncements: 1. The West End Citizens Association will hold its Ameeting on January 8.

2. The appeal of the River Inn receiving its liquor license is still pending. 3. The Commission thanked Mr. and Mrs. Haber and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll for volunteering their help.

4. The next three meetings of the ANC will be held on Feb. 3, March 3,

5. Some citizens complained about trucks illegally using portions of 24th Street around G and H Streets. Commissioner Molinelli will alert the police to this problem.

6. Commissioner Levy reminded everyone that D.C. law states that every residential unit must have a smoke detector by June 1.

Buses in Residential Areas: Commissioner Tyler informed the ANC about her efforts during the past several months to restrict bus traffic on certain local streets in her SMD. The D.C. Department of Transportation, responding these efforts and to widespread public concern, had instituted an emergency order #80-128 banning buses during certain hours on some of these streets. The emergency order expires January 14, 1981. Commissioner Tyler asserted that these restrictions, while a positive first step, were insufficient and difficult to enforce. She moved that the ANC support a more comprehensive ban on buses on these local streets. Residents present at the meeting and FBA President John Landgraf expressed approval for Commissioner Tyler's motion. No opposition was expressed. Special Assistant Roper reported on the ANC's followup to its resolution of Dec. 17 for a complete ban on buses on certain local streets on and around 25th Street. Ms. Roper and Commissioner Tyler met with the acting head of DOT on Dec. 23 to discuss this problem. Consequently, the temporary emergency ban has been extended. Efforts continue to attain a complete ban.

hancellor Condo Medical Clinic (Square 38): Nowick reported the recent decision by the Board of Zoning Adjustment to allow the occupancy of the medical clinic of approximately 30% of the building, in keeping with the ANC's agreement with Circle Associates.

vircle Theater: Commissioners Levy and Nowick will meet with the owners of Circle Associates and discuss the future plans for the Circle Theater and the rezoning of land abutting the West End Circle

Economic Development: 1. Commissioner Feldman reported on the demolition of the house at 908 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. That address and the adjoining lot will be the site of a new medical clinic, which is a matter of right under the zoning laws.

The Commission discussed the effects of losing residential units around Nichols Market at 24th and New Hampshire to medical clinics. Some citizens questioned the impact on residents of Snow's Court and local car traffic conditions.

Plection of Officers: Commissioners Nowick, Rigdon and Molinelli were reelected to their respective offices of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The election of First and Second Vice Chairman is pending until the next meeting.

ocation of Medical Facilities: Commissioner Nowick reported that he presented Resolution S-2 to the D.C. Medical Society, which expresses concern over the abundance of medical facilities in the Foggy Bottom-West End area and their negative impact on housing development. The Society has put this subject on its agenda for a conference on community health issues to be held in March.

A. Nichol's Market Property: Commissioner Feldman reported that the Southland Corporation which has leased Nichol's Market and is planning to install a 7-11 store, has retained the services of Mr. Kirk

B. 925 25th Street: Commissioner Tyler's Special Assistant, Lila Roper, reported on the Dec. 2 hearing of the RAO which involved the 925 Apartment Building. Mr. Gilbert Hahn, Jr. representing the Madison Management Corporation at this hearing, offered three objections to the proceedings: 1) He questioned ANC-2A's involvement in the case; 2) He reasoned that because there are no rules that formally regulate B.3-87 (Wilson's Law), the RAO proceedings were invalid; 3) He hypothesized that "probable cause" evidence could be presented only before, not during, a show-cause hearing.

Despite these objections the RAO proceedings continued. The Madison Management Corporation presented evidence dated after September 13, 1980 and not for all of 1980. Mr. Hahn contended that because the second emergency bill which prohibited apartment conversions is illegal, the Madison Corporation lawfully converted 55 apartment units to transient use.

The RAO did not reach any specific decision during this meeting and concluded that this case would take at least three weeks to review.

The ANC reaffirmed its position that, as a representative of the public interest, it has a duty to see that all laws are obeyed. Further-

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FBA Membership Drive

The Foggy Bottom Association announces four new membership chairpersons. They we listed below:

> Potomac Park Mary McKnight

The York Faith Klaseich

The Letterman Marie Dolan

Businesses Bob Charles

A Little Reminder

FBA and the ANC would like to remind residents of Foggy Bottom that it is neither lawful nor neighborly to place your trash by the curb except on the night before pick up. Many people have been disobeying this District of

Trash left out too long is not only unsightly. It can attract rodents and bugs.



Letters

I enjoyed reading Mary Healy's very laudatory piece on Columbia Hospital.

Ms. Healy's statistics regarding Columbia's low mortality rate are impressive. However, this lengthy account fails to mention that Columbia is the third largest abortion provider in the Metropolitan area. In fact, Columbia received in excess of one quarter million of District tax dollars in the past fiscal year just for abortions.

Columbia's abortion reputation is well known in the community. Many of your readers might question why this omission was made. In future stories you may wish to provide a more accurate picture of this institution.

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more, the proceedings before the RAO are in effect a test case for the enforcement of 3-87, a law which the ANC helped to promote.

In a new development, Ms. Roper produced a classified ad in which MMC offered to lease units at the building on a short term basis. The ANC's attorney on the case, Mr. Tony Creswell, has notified the RAO of this latest development and argued that it be considered as part of this case or of a new hearing.

Rent Control: Commissioner Feldman briefed the Commissioners on the D.C. Rent Control Bill (which passed the City Council Dec. 9). Highlights of this bill included a 10% maximum annual rent increase by landlords, the replacement of the Rental Accommodations Office by the Rental Housing Commission (apparently favored by both landlord and tenant groups), and a 10% rental increase allowed to landlords when units are vacated.

In response to a citizen's question at the last regular meeting, Commissioner Feldman confirmed that the 10% rental increase on vacated units is allowed only once a year.

There was apprehension as to who has jurisdiction over pending RAO cases when the RAO is abolished this spring. Commissioner Feldman and Ms. Roper will investigate the question.

Red Lion Row Update: Commissioner Nowick summarized progress of the George Washington University's development plan for the 2000 block of I Street. The Joint Committee on Landmarks has expressed concerns with the design and mass of G.W.U.'s first proposal - concerns similar to those of the ANC. The Zoning Commission began hearings on this case and these hearings will continue at least through January. The Harrison Institute has withdrawn as legal representatives for the ANC in this case after citing a possible conflict of interest. However, the ANC will still retain Mr. Glen Graves as its attorney.

2. Right-Turn-on-Red: Commissioner Feldman reported on his continued efforts to reinstitute "No-Turn-On-Red" signs at some intersections. In response to one resident's suggestion, he has contacted the D.C. Department of Transportation about putting such a sign at 21st and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Commissioner Feldman reported on the Department of Transportation's approval of the ANC's request to reinstate "No Right On Red" signs at the corners of 23rd & H, 24th & K, and 24th & Pennsylvania

C. Schneider Triangle: The ANC passed a resolution supporting the Schneider Triangle's nomination to the National Register of Historic

B. Vacancy on the Zoning Commission: On the recommendation of Administrative Assistant Rick Churchill, the ANC passed Resolution S-4 which recommends that either Ann Hargrove or Lindsley Williams be appointed to the Zoning Commission, to fill a seat to be vacated by Theodore Mariani.

A. West End Library: Commissioner Nowick introduced a resolution expressing support for the fullest possible funding and operating hours for the West End Branch Library in Fiscal Year 1982. He reported that cuts are likely throughout the library system, but said that the West End Library is the sixth busiest in the city and demands on it will grow sharply with the hundreds of new residents moving into the West End. Commissioner Feldman expressed reservations over the extent to which the ANC should defend funding for the West End Branch. He cited the inevitability of some cuts in city services, other budget priorities of the ANC, and the library needs of other parts of the city. A resolution was passed supporting funding for the West End Library. (Any views by citizens on this issue can be addressed to Councilman John Wilson, District Building, Washington, D.C. 20004 and Mr. Benjamin Amos, President of Board of Library Trustees, 302 Madison St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011.)

8. Zoning: Case Number 80-14 (Zoning Commission Fee System): The Zoning Commission is seeking to increase the filing fee for each case that it hears in order to reduce its case load. The new fee system does not exempt the ANCs, and Levy argued that is should. The ANC authorized Nowick and Levy to send a letter from this ANC to the Zoning Commission expressing this and other concerns.



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Red Lion Row: An Update

The George Washington University has appeared before the Joint Committee on Landmarks and the D.C. Zoning Commission several times since November, 1980 with its plans for the development of the 2000 block of Eye Street (Red Lion Row) and has made several steps toward meeting the objections of both the Joint Committee and the Zoning Commission. Many of those objections were also concerns of the community

The Joint Committee on Landmarks voted on November 20, 1980, to disapprove the mass and bulk of the proposed building and a subsequent building proposed as an alternative and recommended on December 5, 1980 that:

- The main blocks of the landmark buildings be retained in their entirety; and

- the height and bulk of the office building be further reduced.

The Committee also restated its belief that the resolution of the proposal could be successfully achieved by expanding the area of the proposed PUD to the south half of Square 101.

The second design submitted to the Joint Committee on Landmarks differed from the first proposal in the following ways:

the building mass was redistributed stepping back from Eye Street and inward from 20th and 21st Streets; and

- the north facade of the office tower was simplified as was the fenestration pattern and the color of the glass to create a "background" building.

Despite the improvements in design, the Joint Committee on Landmarks found the demolition of major portions of the landmark buildings and the overwhelming height and mass of the new office building in both proposals to be inconsistent with the purposes of the D.C. Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Acts.

The Joint Committee on Landmarks also appointed a panel of its members, George Hartman, Jerome Lindsey and John Sulton to work with the University and its architects in the hopes of achieving a final solution. A meeting was held on December 29 at which a number of issues, including the mass and bulk of the building, were discussed. Another meeting is scheduled for January 12, 1981. There has been no further action, by the full Joint Committee on Landmarks.

The University has appeared twice before the D.C. Zoning Commission on December 8, 1980 The University, to date, has

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and on January 5, 1981. The Foggy Bottom Association, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, Don't Tear It Down and Theodore Sheve, owner of 2040 Eye Street (Bon Apetit Restaurant) are all parties in opposition to the University's application for a Planned Unit Development and zoning change.

presented most of its case, including testimony from Charles Diehl, Vice President and Treasurer of the University; Paul McGowan, HOD-Warnke Joint Venture, project architect; and, Herman Spiegel, Spiegel and Zamechik, Inc. project engineer. The University will conclude its case on January 26 as will the par-

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A CHRISTMAS IN OLD TOWN

Maureen Mosher

I've never enjoyed drowining in a sea of people amid glittering tinsel and \$50-plus prices during Yuletide season. Shopping in Old Town Alexandria doesn't eliminate the crowds, but it does lend charm and pleasure to Christmas shopping.

Old Town is easily accessible from Washington. For exercise hounds, it's a mere 8 mile walk or jog away via the Mt. Vernon bike path. For the less athletically inclined, take the subway to National Airport and catch a number 11 bus to Old Town.

The main area of Old Town's shops is the 100-500 block of King St., bordered by N. Lee St., N. Fairfax St. and N. Union St. 1 usually begin my hard day of shopping with a bite to eat at the Cafe Rembrandt on 115 King St. The Cafe is owned by a Dutchman, decorated in Holland motif, and offers sandwiches in the \$2 range and fancy pastries at \$1.50. The food is quite fresh and tasty, although I avoid their cof-

For a really outstanding cup of coffee, I go to the Coffee Bean, two blocks up King St. Upon entering the shop, one is bombarded by the perfume of roasted coffee beans from countless faraway places. Towards the back of the shop, a coffee pot (sometimes 2 pots) filled with freshly-made coffee rests on a hot plate. For \$.25, one can help himself to a cup, and sugar and cream are provided. While I sip my coffee, I peruse the other exotic delicacies in the shop such as herbal teas, plum and amaretto jams, and tea cakes.

Directly across the street from the Coffee Bean, is the Unique, a delightful treasurehouse of tiny handmade doodads such as cinnamon sticks bound with bright ribbon, pine-scented stuffed cats, mobiles of white satin clouds, and mad hatter-shaped soap. I got my most "unique" treat when the sales clerk handed me my charge slip to sign and shoved a plastic carrot in my direction. I ignored the carrot and rummaged through my purse for a pen pondering the oddities of my sales clerk. The mystery was solved when she picked up the carrot and wrote with it!

Dropping down a half block from the Unique, I entered the American Artisan, which specializes in pottery and leather craft. They offer a fine selection of hand-crafted purses, belts, and hats, and their pottery selection is spiced with little oddities such as grimacing and smiling people mugs.

ANC Meeting

Tuesday,

St. Mary's Court 725 24th St. 8:00 p.m.

I left King Street, turning left onto N. Lee St. and continued one block until I hit Ramsay Alley, a small cobblestone street, and walked into a store named Discoveries. Although just about everything in the store was out of my price range, it was fun to window shop. I saw hand-painted papyrus for \$14 and up, 19th century sailors' woolen caps, a marble-inlaid mosaic chess set, African ceremonial masks, and hand-woven wool rugs. A fire crackfed cheerfully in the background. At least the fire wasn't out of my price range!

Directly across N. Lee St. is the Torpedo Art factory, a huge old factory converted to house over 50 art studios. I strolled by numerous jewelry-makers, potters, painters, sculptors, and glass makers busy at work, and selected a small stained-glass item to buy for \$7.

I then returned to King St. to visit the John Crouch Tobacco shop. Seeing the infinite variety of smokable items made me wish I hadn't quit smoking! There were lighters of various shapes, sizes and substance ranging in price from \$4 to \$150!!; smokeless ashtrays, spitoons, cigarettes from Egypt, Israel, Brazil and the

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Not far from John Crouch Tobacco is the Why Not?, a store loaded with children's toys, books, games and clothing. For shoppers who bring their progeny with them, there is a fenced-off play area crammed with creative toys to keep the children occupied. Among the unusual toys that caught my eye were intricate Victorian doll houses, complete with miniature furniture and people, and tiny playing cards for games of Old Maid, Hearts, and Crazy Eight.

I topped off my shopping spree with a visit to the Christmas Store on N. Union St. The store is filled with nothing but Christmas decorations: pink chiffon trees, pine-scented gingham wreaths, and straw, glass and cloth ornaments starting at \$3 apiece. A wooden box of slightly brown apples was placed near the door with a sign which read: "Free Christmas Apples."

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Weichberger's compositions incorporate imaginary architecture and technical elements which seem to float in air. Driving lines and washes of color impart a felling of energy and motion at high speed. Neither symbolist nor surreal, the works share elements with both schools.

Born in Bremen, Germany, Weichberger was almost completely selftaught. He sketched as a child and began painting seriously at the age of 14. In his late teens he went to Paris and later lived and worked in Brussels

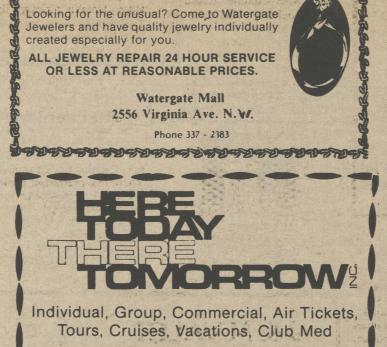
Weichberger's paintings are included in museums in this country and abroad, among them: Columbia University, Marymount Manhattan College and Finch College Museum, New York; Amherst College and Provincetown Museum, Massachusetts; Museum of Stamford, Connecticut; Edwin A. Ulrich Museum of Fine Arts, Wichita, Kansas; Wallraf-Richartz Museum (Cologne), Galerie of Modern Art, (Munich), Kunsthalle Bremen, Kunsthalle Hamburg and Landesmuseum Schloss Oldenburg, Germany; and the Musee d'Art Moderne, Tangiers, Morocco. The artist is also represented in many corporate and private collections. The curone-man show.

Two monographs have been published about his work. Weichberger himself is an author: his first volume of poetry in German, titled Reissblei, will be published in Berlin in the spring of

Other artists represented in the exhibition are Claes Oldenburg, Dickson Carroll, Paul Rudolph. James Rossant and Paolo Soleri. Architects who have expressed their imagination and creativity into visual presentations include John Milner Associates, Fred kiesler, Philip Johnson, FAIA, Cesar Pelli, Robert Stern Architects, Richard Ridley & Associates, Harry Weese & Associates, Venturi & Rausch, Mitchell/Guirgola, Gruen Associates and Luckman Partnership. Institutional Lenders include Spaced Gallery of Architectural and Andre Emmerich Gallery, both in New York City.

Sponsored in part by a grant from Best Products Incorporated, the exhibition also features the design for their latest showroom in Richmond, Virginia, designed by SITE Projects of New York

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In spite of the busy holiday season, our Lane residents continued to travel.

In November I joined my husband, who was in Europe on business, in Spain and Portugal. Later I went on to London. Many years ago, I worked in London and it is always a pleasure to return.

Margaret Stoessel visited family and friends in Paris for ten days. Margaret reports Paris is beautiful as always but expensive. Miss Juliana Machiavello, as resident of Lima, Peru, but presently studying in a college in Boston is Margaret's house guest.

Al and Opal Cottrell of Hughes Mews spent severaL weeks in November traveling in Southeast Asia. While in Kuala Lumpur, they had cocktails with Barbara Watson, the U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia.

Grace Watson has just returned from spending the holidays with her sister and stopovers in Hong Kong and Singapore. Grace tells us that Barbara is very happy in her new post. As Grace deplaned at Dulles, the cold winter winds made her wish she were still in K.L.

Just before Eileen and Murdaugh Madden left to spend Christmas with his brother in Philadelphia, Eileen passed her driving test. Congratulations. From Philadelphia they drove to New Hampshire for sking.

After many months in London, Margaret Mills has returned to the Lane. Spouse David and all of us are delighted that she is back.

The other day, I spotted Wiley Chambers. His face was almost covered by his parka, but he is still sporting a suntan from a recent visit to Antigua. He is back hard at work at G.W. Medical School.

Mr. Richard H. Mullens reports he is feeling very fit again after a painful medical bout.

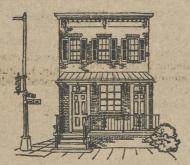
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A very Happy New Year to you all.

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News from Here and There

Our thanks and "so long" to Mary Ann Evan, formerly of 2317 Pennsylvania, who has moved from FB. Mary Ann was one of our faithful FBN deliverers, seeing to it that her neighbors near the Circle got the paper each month. Keep in touch, Mary Ann!

There is a good reason for the occasional absence of Bob Sinker, owner of Washington Circle Drug. Bob is now the owner of a new pharmacy, Potomac Village Pharmacy, on River Road. Naturally enough, Bob has been spending a considerable amount of his time at the new store, aided by his wife and helper. His son, Ronnie, can still be seen at Washington Circle, working while not in school.

In his plans — for warmer weather, we guess — is a repeat of Washington Circle Drug's sidewalk sale. He vows to hold another one, if for no other reason than it was such fun for the owner!

Ellie Becker

Call - Don't Be Curious

Foggy Bottom, unfortunately, has not escaped the increasing wave of robberies and burglaries so much in the news lately. Perhaps it cannot be said too often — what we know and what the police remind us about:

1. If you suspect a break-in while in your home, don't investigate; call the police, tell them where you are in the house, and wait. (Call 911)

2. If you come home and find anything suspicious — don't be curious; retreat and call the police. They are glad to come and check it out for you. (Call 282-0070)

3. If you see anyone you think does not belong in the neighborhood, or who is acting strangely (e.g., people offering to wash windows in December, etc.) call the police and they will investigate. (Call 282-0070) Keep your eyes and ears open, but let the police do the work. That's what they are paid for and the better we are at relating to them, the better they can serve us.

CHINESE OFFICIALS VISIT GWU PUBLISHING PROGRAM

An eight-member printing and publications delegation from the People's Republic of China visited George Washington University recently during a nationwide tour of the United States. The delegation, one of four cultural study teams agreed to under the terms of the United States-People's Republic of China Cultural Accord, visited GW's Publication Specialist Program to observe methods of trainin personnel for publishing careers. The Publication Specialist Program, offered through the College of General Studies' Continuing Education for Women (CEW) Center, is a oneyear, graduate-level career certificate program that is a leader in

Wang Ziye, deputy director of the Chinese National Publishing Administration, and other key managerial and editorial officials were among those welcomed by Dr. Robert L. Holland, dean of the College of General Studies, and Abbie O. Smith, acting assistant dean for the CEW Center. Members of the study team paticipated in a panel discussion with Publications Specialist Program faculty members on training editors, writers, graphic designers and production specialists.

the field of publishing education.

Other U.S. universities included on the tour — which was coordinated by the National Committee on United States-China Relations for the U.S. International Communication Agency, the executive agency for the U.S.-R.R.C. Cultural Accord — were Rochester Institute of Technology and New York University's Center for Publishing.



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John A. Wilson, 4-H Alumni Winner

John A. Wilson, D.C. City Councilman for Ward 2, is one of eight former 4-H members who received the coveted Gold Key Award during the 59th National 4-H Congress, November 30-December 4, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The awards were presented by Friends of National 4-H Council.

John Wilson was a 4-H member in Somerset, Maryland for seven years and for four years won first place for personal grooming at the Maryland State 4-H Week event. He also was involved in poultry, swine management and gardening projects.

Wilson has worked closely with the District of Columbia 4-H Youth in Government Project for 3 years as a resource person, and he also encourages 4-H programming in his ward.

Mr. Wilson is an invaluable resource person and 4-H alumni for the D.C. Cooperative Extension Service 4-H program.

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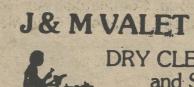
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Columbia Hospital Dedicates **New Wing**

Virginia Sachs

December 3rd dawned a crisp winter morning, sun shining, clear skies, and 50 m.p.h. winds; hardly the weather for Columbia Hospital's outdoor dedication, ceremony. With the beautiful yellow and white striped tent flopping wild in the wind, the more than 300 guests invited to celebrate the opening of Columbia's new addition were detoured to the new Teresa Adkins Conference Room.

The ceremonies began as planned when, with appropriate fanfare from the Navy Band, the honor Guard presented the colorful flags of the armed services.

The Reverend John C. Harper, D.D. delivered an invocation.

Honored guest Betty Ford spoke to the assembled guests, offering her thoughtful and personal comments on this very special day for the hospital. She also recounted her memories of three of her own happy experiences at Columbia during the years she and her family lived in Washington,

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Ford cut a ribbon dedicating the new ultrasound unit as part of the Betty Ford Breast Diagnostic Center. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Ford and daughter Susan were guests at a

Following the dedication ceremony which included speeches by CHW's president George Lamphere, Chief of Staff Raymond Cutts and Administrador G. Patrick Kane, special presentations were made in honor of Dr. Stafford Hawken and Dr. David Kushner for their 47 and 50 years, respectively, of outstanding service to Columbia

The formal ceremonies over, Mrs. Ford toured the Hospital, visiting briefly with staff who had been unable to attend the dedication. A flute and string quartet of Georgetown University students Did You Know? played classical music for a reception following the formal ceremonies.

All in all it was a great day for Columbia and an emotion-filled day for the hospital's many friends and supporters who have worked so hard and waited so long to see the culmination of the "Program for New Life."



L to R: George Lamphere, President of Board, Dr. Raymond Cutts, Betty Ford, Dr. Martin Thomas and G. Patrick Kave, Administrator.

The non-emergency phone number for the Ward 2 District of Columbia Police Department is: 282-0060 or 282-0070. You may use this number to alert the police to traffic violations, suspicious incidents or non-emergency situations requiring an officer's

Readying For Cable TV Just before press time, the

Foggy Bottom News received a letter from the D.C. Cable Coalition. We reprint it here and hope to provide coverage of their activities and those of other citizen groups involved in the advent of cable TV in Washington.

The Federal Communications Commission deregulated the cable industry earlier this year and in doing so, left regulation of the industry up to local municipalities. Cable TV systems have channel capacities ranging from 30 to 80 channels. In trying to provide programing for all those channels, systems are, or ought to be, willing to offer locally produced and public affairs programming.

The D.C. Council will make the decision on which system or systems to whom to award the franchise in our city. It is up to citizens to make sure the Council makes a decision that will be in our best interest. More on this in future issues of the News. Here's that letter:

We've made a beginning, but the process must continue. When the coalition first began, we set out to achieve a number of tasks. We had identified several goals, the primary ones being: to educate the community to the benefits of cable television, to represent the community's interest in cable legislation, and to facilitate community access to cable facilities.

Presently, we boast an active mailing list consisting of 130 representing people who have attended or regularly attend coalition meetings. The coalition has achieved success in a number of areas, however, we are considering exploring new directions; such as becoming a cable access facilitator actively involved in the process and production of local origination programming (in effect, setting up and operating at least one community access center), once cable receives its

There is still a high degree of participation and interest in the coalition as witnessed by the many phone calls that have been received. However, in lieu of the D.C. City Council's preoccupation with budgetary and other concerns, the cable issue has been given secondary status by the Council. Consequently, the coalition has not been as active as we would have liked.

Recently, we received an indication from the Council that signaled their readiness to approach the cable issue. A general meeting was held on Nov. 6, 1980 at the District Building included the status of cable in the District of Columbia and D.C. Cable Coalition election, membership drive, and subcommittee reports.

Local Events

Robert Johnson and five partners, District CableVision Inc., have announced that they would seek the D.C. cable franchise. District CableVision Inc. is the first company to public announce plans to seek the city's cable franchise and the first locally run company to enter the field. The company is comprised of four minority and two nonminority investors. All are District residents.

Prince William County officials have decided to adopt a hands-off policy on regulation of cable television. Supervisors in the area's most rapidly developing county have decided they won't attempt to regulate or even tax the revenues of the lucrative cable TV industry. This action was based on their exposure to allegations of questionable cable TV deals in neighboring localities. This deregulation effort was seen as being unprecedented and perhaps foolish by national cable television experts.



Mrs. Ford views the nursery. Pictured are, L to R: Kave, Cutts, Ford and Charlotte Biggs, R.N.

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Over a Century of Community Service

Bettie McNamara Fretz

In the mid 1860's the city of Washington was passing through its most difficult transition.

Those were years marked by both hardship and progress. The population of 100,000 was largely citizens of "boarders." At least 90 per cent of the homes during the Civil War years were said to have taken in boarders.

Large numbers of females were attracted to the city during the war in search of relatives and friends, or for information from the War Department. Anxiety and fatigue, as a natural consequence, caused suffering and disease, and hundreds of women prostrated by sickness and without means, were thrown upon the charities of the residents of Washington and the Representatives from the different States to which they belonged.

Washington, in 1866, was substandard in the essentials of sanitation and city improvements. There was no sewage system, no adequate water supply and no fire department. As in every war, public buildings had suffered neglect and sabotage.

At the very time Congress chartered Columbia Hospital, the camp followers of the troops, women of the streets, and recently freed slaves were still living in unspeakably unsanitary alleys, shacks and often in the shadow of public buildings. Margaret Leech, in "Washington Reveille" writes, "It was a courageous man who ventured to walk by night in the ill lighted streets of the capital of the United States. The efficiency of the Washington police was as notorious as the prevalence of its foot pads and hoodlums."

It was during this period that a new coin called "the cent" was put into circulation. It was said to be of great convenience in calculation and in making small change. With bread selling at 4 cents and a pound of rice at 9 cents, the cent instantly became popular, despite the scorn first accorded it by Westerners and Southerners.

The need for a hospital exclusively for women was acute, and the proposal was presented to the Honorable E.M. Stanton, then Secretary of War, who authorized the Surgeon General to furnish completely 50 beds and to issue a "fully supply of medicine and medical stores," insisting, however, that 20 of the beds be used exclusively for the wives and widows of soldiers and sailors.

On the fourth day of March, 1866, the hospital opened its

doors for the reception of patients.

Application was made to Congress for a charter, which was granted on June 1, 1866.

Explicitly defined were the purposes of the hospital "to fund in the City of Washington a hospital and dispensary for the treatment of diseases peculiar to women, and lying-in asylum, in which those unable to pay therefor shall be furnished with board, lodging, medicine and medical attendance, gratuitously, and, to that end full powers are hereby conferred on the association."

The Medical Registry of the District of Columbia for that year noted that in the "pay department" of the new hospital, the "terms of admission are from \$6 to \$10 per week, in accordance with the room requested, payable in advance." The Registry further pointed out that "this includes board, medicine, medical and surgical attendance." Visitors were admitted on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m.

A new wing, added in 1958, provided additional patient rooms, new delivery and operating room facilities and an outpatient clinic with a capacity of 100 patients a day. The 152-bed specialty hospital has 92 bassinets in its modern, well equipped nurseries.

Columbia Hospital has literally grown up with the city of Washington. As the hospital progressed through the years, women from all walks of life came to Columbia. Many of the nation's leaders in business, professional and public life were born at Columbia.

The roster of the Board and Professional Staff has listed the names of some of the country's most distinguished citizens and surgeons. Residencies at the hospital have been sought after by young doctors who have served their internship elsewhere and who desire exceptionally outstanding training in the work of obstetrics and gynecology.

Looking Back

This article appeared in the April & May 1966 issue of the Foggy Bottom News. Columbia Hospital at that time too, was being renovated.

The hospital was placed under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and the charter stipulated that the Board of Directors include one Senator, two Congressmen one of the District Commissioners.

Columbia's first home was the Hill Mansion, on the northwest side of Thomas Circle, at 14th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., which the Medical Registry describes as being "the most healthy part of the city."

In 1873, Congress appropriated \$25,000 for the purchase of the Maynard Mansion at 25th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., which once housed the British Embassy. The mansion was refitted as a hospital, and with additional construction added throughout the years, it was used until 1914, when the present building was erected.

For 85 years, Columbia Hospital had the unique status of being federally owned, yet administered as a private, non-profit hospital. In June, 1952, the federal government transferred all property rights to the Board of Directors of the hospital, with the sole provision that the institution be continued and operated as a woman's hospital.

Throughout the years, Columbia has contributed generously to medical and professional advancement in its specialized field. The first prenatal clinic in the United States was established at Columbia in 1921, and it was the second hospital in the country to establish a recovery room for the immediate postoperative care of surgical patients.

Since the opening of the hospital over 265,000 patients have been admitted to Columbia. Last year's admissions totaled 9,234.

A living memorial of cooperative community endeavor, Columbia Hospital has emerged a citadel dedicated to the specialized health needs of women. It now stands on the threshold of providing even greater contributions, as it looks to the future and begins its second century of community

-Bettie McNamara Fretz



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"Only in recent decades has there been an effective treatment for preventing the crippling pain of Gout," says Dr. Felts. "Although there is no single thereapy that will permanently cure the disease modern drugs can correct the abnormal body chemistry and prevent attacks."

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Previous honorees in this WETA series include Effie Barry, Anne Crutcher, Franckie Hewitt, and Antonia Handler Chayes.

Abbie Smith, who has lived in the Washington metropolitan area most of her life, earned both her undergraduate degree and an M.A. in education from George Washington University. She joined the GW part-time faculty in 1965 and has served on the CEW Center staff since 1968.

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Local Merchant Redecorates

The Watergate Salon, like Washington, D.C., the city it serves and so reflects, cannot contain its own growth, so it is doing the natural thing: it is remodeling. Although the first stage will be completed by the end of the month, the entire face-lift will take about six to eight months.

High efficiency lighting with extensive use of mirrors will create a bright, airy effect. The ceiling in the main foyer area will be coffered, a feature reminescent of the ceilings of the grand old buildings. An elaborate, sparkling chandelier will lend an aura of majesty. The initial entrance will be paved in ceramic tile, while the boutique will be covered in a rich, Oriental wall-to-wall. A new hard wood floor will replace the present vinyl floor in the main work area. Millwork, that is, furniture made to exact specification, will be installed, and, finally, two breathtaking murals depicting nature scenes will grace the shampoo area.

"You will feel much, much more pampered," declares architect Albert Corbi of The Designer. "It will just be a nice, relaxing place to go on a Saturday morning.

The Watergate Salon was the first shop to open its doors when the Watergate complex was completed in 1966. Situated only minutes from the prestigious Watergate Hotel and only blocks from the White House, the Watergate Salon has never lacked for celebrities - Paulette Goddard was one of their first clients - and with the opening of the

Kennedy Center in 1971 the parade of stars became a dazzling pageant! Today the appointment book reads like a listing of the UN General Assembly combined with the world's who's who.

"Everybody who is anybody who has taste comes here," laughs one of the stylists. "Last Wednesday alone, within the period of one hour, we had the wives of three heads of state, a cabinet wife, and the wife of an ambassador."

The 22-member staff is an international as the clientele - French, Spanish, Italian, English, Greek, Lebanese, Brazilian, Vietnamese and, of course, American. They clearly enjoy one another and their clients, which is fortunate, because at times it gets quite hectic - like the 3-week period in which someone had to run to the Kennedy Center for each performance of Night and Day to fix Maggie Smith's hair.

The most innovative aspect of the Salon will be the boutique, located in the front of the Salon. In terms of merchandise, it will be a tiny jewel box, featuring the finest and most distinctive names of Italian couture - Fendi, Zanobetti, Pucci, Parapini and Nella. In our inflationary times these exclusive names remain among the few where quality and price are still truly commensurate.

Now, are you ready for some fun? Imagine a lottery in the midst of such elegance - the chance to win a \$100 purse from the boutique! As soon as the boutique is installed and stocked, the Watergate Salon will resume its lottery,

whereby each and every customer receives a number and thus is given the opportunity to win something very special from the weekly drawing!

In only one respect does the Watergate Salon fail to live up to expectation: it does not charge "Watergate prices." Indeed, the prices are amazingly reasonable. You can get a shampoo and set for only \$11.00; likewise, a shampoo and blowdry is only \$11.00; a hair coloring is as low as \$17.50; and a facial, which includes a delicious massage, steam, cleansing, a masque, and finally, a make-up application, is only \$25.00. Sounds incredible? That's not all.

The Watergate Salon is indeed unique. But what distinguishes it most of all is the warm, good feeling of the staff and its sincere interest and dedication to its customers. In spite of the glittering clientele, there is no impression of the hard-edge, drop-dead chic that tends to intimidate the more modest. Everyone receives the same warm welcome and special attention that you would if you were entering their home for a friendly visit.

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